

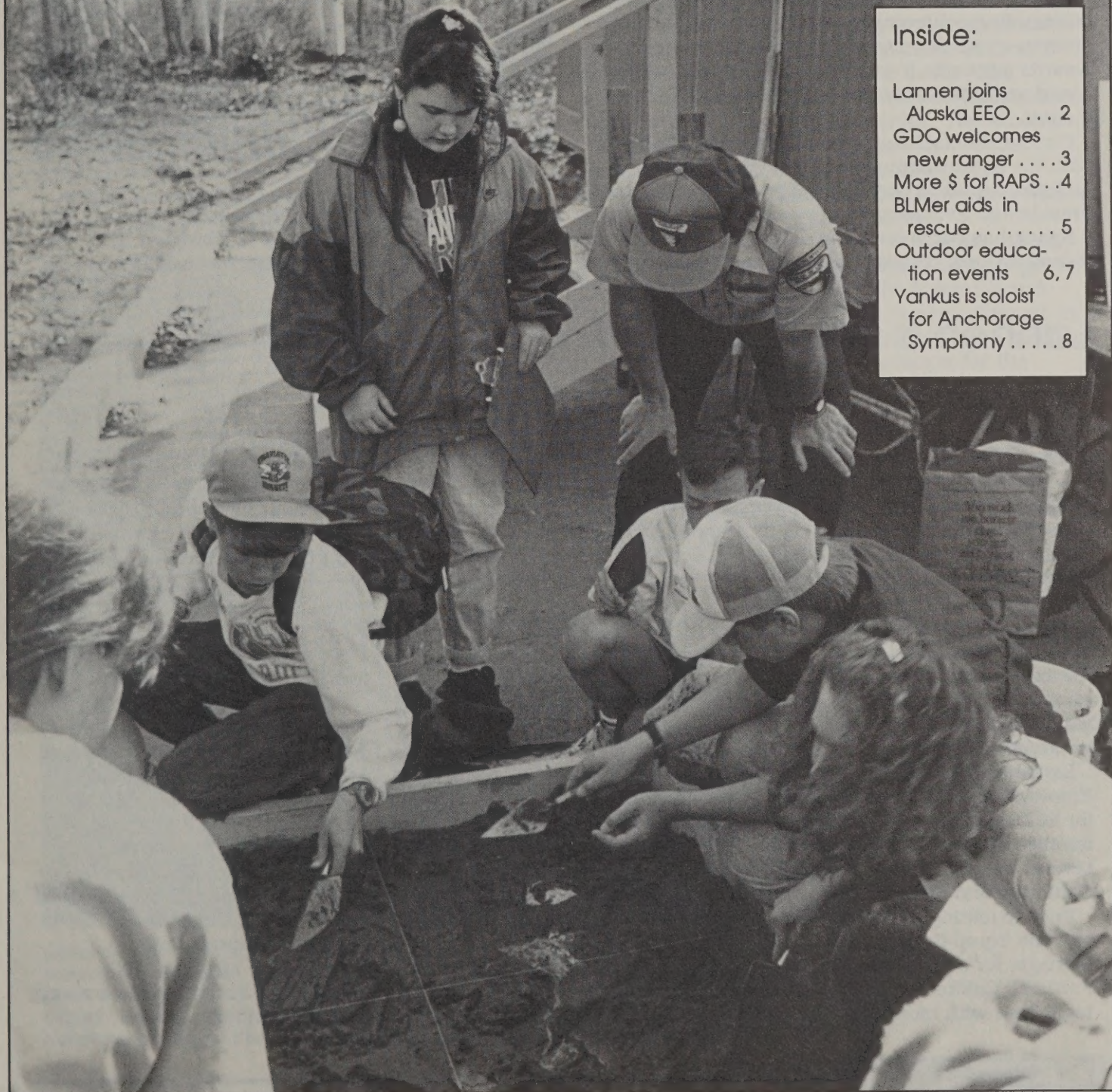
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SD Receives Presidential Rank Award

In May State Director Ed Spang received a Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank award at ceremonies held in Washington, D.C.

Executive Rank awards are presented for outstanding achievement, leadership qualities and abilities to resolve complex management issues. Awards are made to senior officials in federal service based on their career and individual accomplishments.

Director Spang has previously been recognized with the Department of the Interior's meritorious and distinguished service awards. This is his first Presidential level award.

Spang has had a long and distinguished career in federal natural resource management, holding



previous management positions in Montana, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada and Washington, D.C. He became BLM Alaska State Director in 1990.

Lannen is New EEO Officer

by Ed Bovy

Glencora Lannen is a self-confessed outdoor enthusiast. "My husband and I love sports and outdoor activities like hiking, volleyball and cross-country skiing. We finally got tired of all the crowds in California and decided that we wanted to move to either Alaska, Washington or Montana. We talked about Alaska for at least two years. It has two of my favorite animals, whales and wolves, so I am really excited to be here."

Lannen is the new Equal Employment Opportunity officer for BLM Alaska. She says she's familiar with BLM, having lived in several western states, including California and Nevada.

Prior to joining BLM, Lannen was the Equal Employment Manager for a Naval base in Fairfield, California. "It was a large base with more than 10,000

people in the organization. We had six full time counselors. I was involved in affirmative action and complaints processing. But I also analyzed employment related issues in the social and political arena and we got involved in the



Glencora Lannen
BLM Alaska EEO Officer

local community."

Lannen worked in personnel management for the Department of the Navy for five years. She also completed a women's executive leadership program with the Forest Service.

"I've seen some things work in the Navy that I'd like to introduce at BLM. I'd like to build some teams in the office and the field to get a better focus on what can be improved. And I'd like to take away the stigma often associated with EEO in the past. People working in the EEO field today are very different from those who were involved when it first started. Today's EEO tries to focus on changing the attitudes of people through education and diversity training. People shouldn't be afraid of EEO because it's becoming more a part of everyday life."

Glennallen Welcomes New Ranger

by Ella Wright

Driving from Oregon to Alaska in mid-April, Dorothy McGuinness knew she had reached her destination when she faced snow and ice the next morning instead of familiar farm and timber lands.

McGuinness, the newest member of BLM's Glennallen District, is one of five rangers responsible for protecting land and resources administered by BLM Alaska. Her patrol area at the district covers 7.6 million acres. Her patrol vehicles will be clearly marked "Ranger."

Because the district accommodates some 146,000 annual visitors and other public users, on-the-ground contacts and public communication will be all in a day's work for the new ranger.

Her job is a mesh of duties aimed at preventing timber, cultural, wildlife and other resource damage through public awareness and outreach programs.

At last month's Glennallen community meeting, the newcomer had her first chance to tell neighbors

about BLM policies and resource protection.

"Education often leads to prevention before a violation occurs," said McGuinness. "This could include signs, brochures, public meetings or other opportunities to provide people with the rules and to encourage compliance with regulations."

In her new job she will also tackle and help develop the district's subsistence program used by some of the fewer than 600 Glennallen residents and neighboring communities.

McGuinness has the training and experience to exercise state and federal government authority when violations occur on public lands. She completed training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynnco, Georgia. Her studies included criminal law, enforcement, firearms, investigations and arrest techniques. She graduated from Northern Arizona University with a bachelor's degree in general studies.

McGuinness was BLM's first ranger at the Prineville and Lakeview districts in Oregon. She has been a ranger for the Department of Interior for 11 years. She started her career as a National Park Service ranger at various locations including Mt. Rainier National Park, Grand Canyon National Park and the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Her husband, who accompanied her on the drive to Alaska, is the ranger at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. He lives in Slana.



Glennallen District ranger Dorothy McGuinness is the newest member of the BLM Alaska law enforcement team. Top row: Mike Billbe, Kobuk District ranger; Dean Crabbs, Special Agent in Charge; Dorothy McGuinness, Glennallen District ranger; and Special Agent Andy Gifford. Bottom row: Randy Tracy and Ed Lee, Steese/White Mountains District rangers. Not pictured: Wayne Stevens, Arctic District ranger. (Photo by Dan Gullickson)

RAPS Budget Gets a Boost

by Teresa McPherson

A successful RAPS program doesn't just happen on its own. It requires bright young people eager to get some hands-on experience. Resource professionals willing to mentor these young minds. And it also takes money. Lots of it.

During the long winter months the next season's RAPS students are busy with their regular studies. But RAPS coordinator Bob Jones does anything but hibernate during this time. The off season is when Jones and his team of VISTA volunteers pull out all the stops to rack up funding for the next RAPS season. And this was their best ever.

"Last year we had a budget of \$125,000," said Jones. "This year we're looking at something in the neighborhood of \$215,000. That's a 72 percent increase."

This year's increase in funding is primarily due to a generous grant from the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs under Title II of the Job Training Partnership Act, or JTPA. BLM's RAPS

program received the state's highest rating over 18 other proposals from a variety of public and private organizations in Region V. This netted BLM a total grant of \$97,600—the largest JTPA grant to any RAPS program in the Bureau.

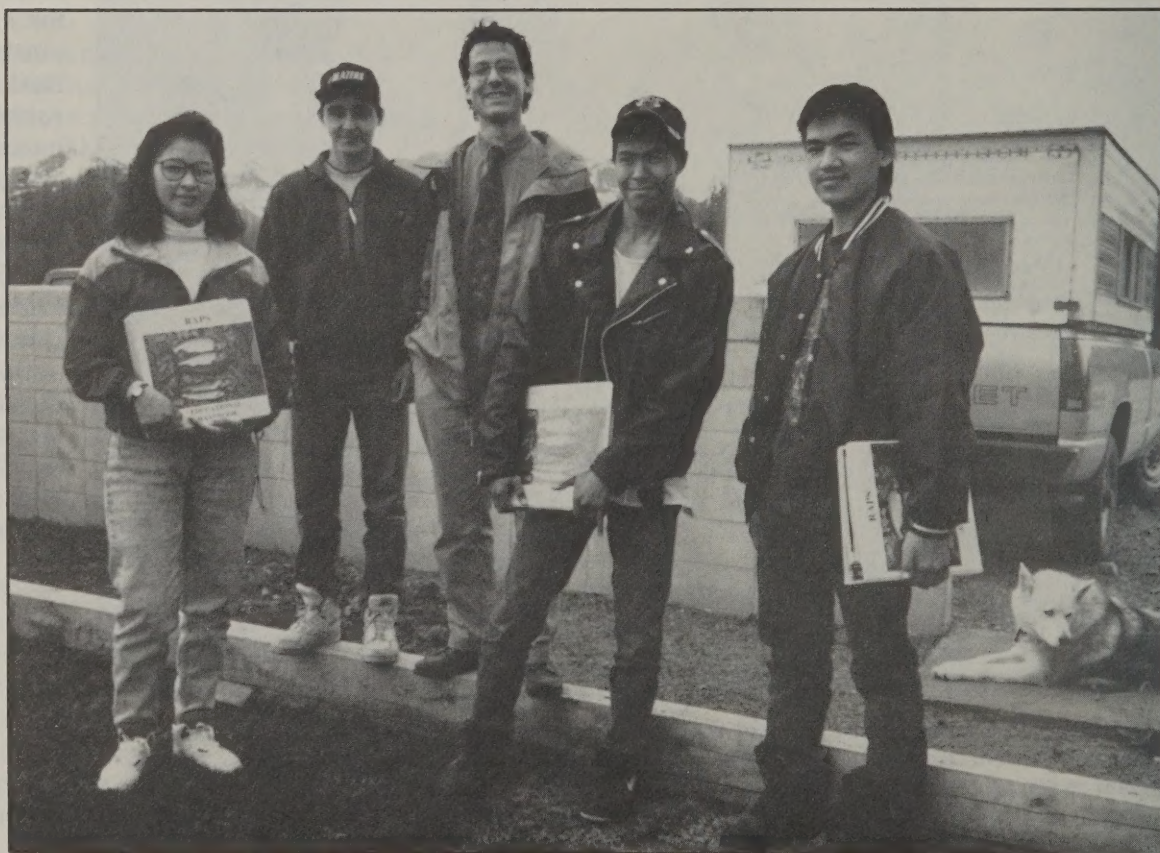
What does the additional funding mean for 1992? In 1991 RAPS students totaled 37. The increased funding this year will beef up that number to about 50 students. The additional funding has also made it possible for Jones and crew to add an educational component to complement the hands-on experience students receive.

"We just finished a RAPS handbook the students will use throughout the summer," explained VISTA volunteer Jeff Brune. "It includes an introduction to the program and a series of self-paced educational units to help students enhance their reading, writing, math and communication skills."

The educational component was designed by Jones and his VISTA crew of Brune, Steve Haines and former VISTA volunteer Shelley Jones. It was later reviewed by representatives from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, and the Anchorage School District.

"The activities in the educational component were selected for their relevance to the real world of the job market and to natural resource management," said Jones. "I think it will give the students a more rounded apprenticeship experience."

VISTA
volunteer Jeff
Brune (center)
with four of this
year's RAPS
students. Left to
right: Charlene
Kawagley of
Akiak; Joee
Haugen of
Unalakleet; John
Crowe of
Quinhagak; and
Kevin Kuzuguk of
Shishmaref.
(Photo by
Danielle Allen)



BLMer Aids in Rescue of Teen Skiers

by Sharon Durgan Wilson

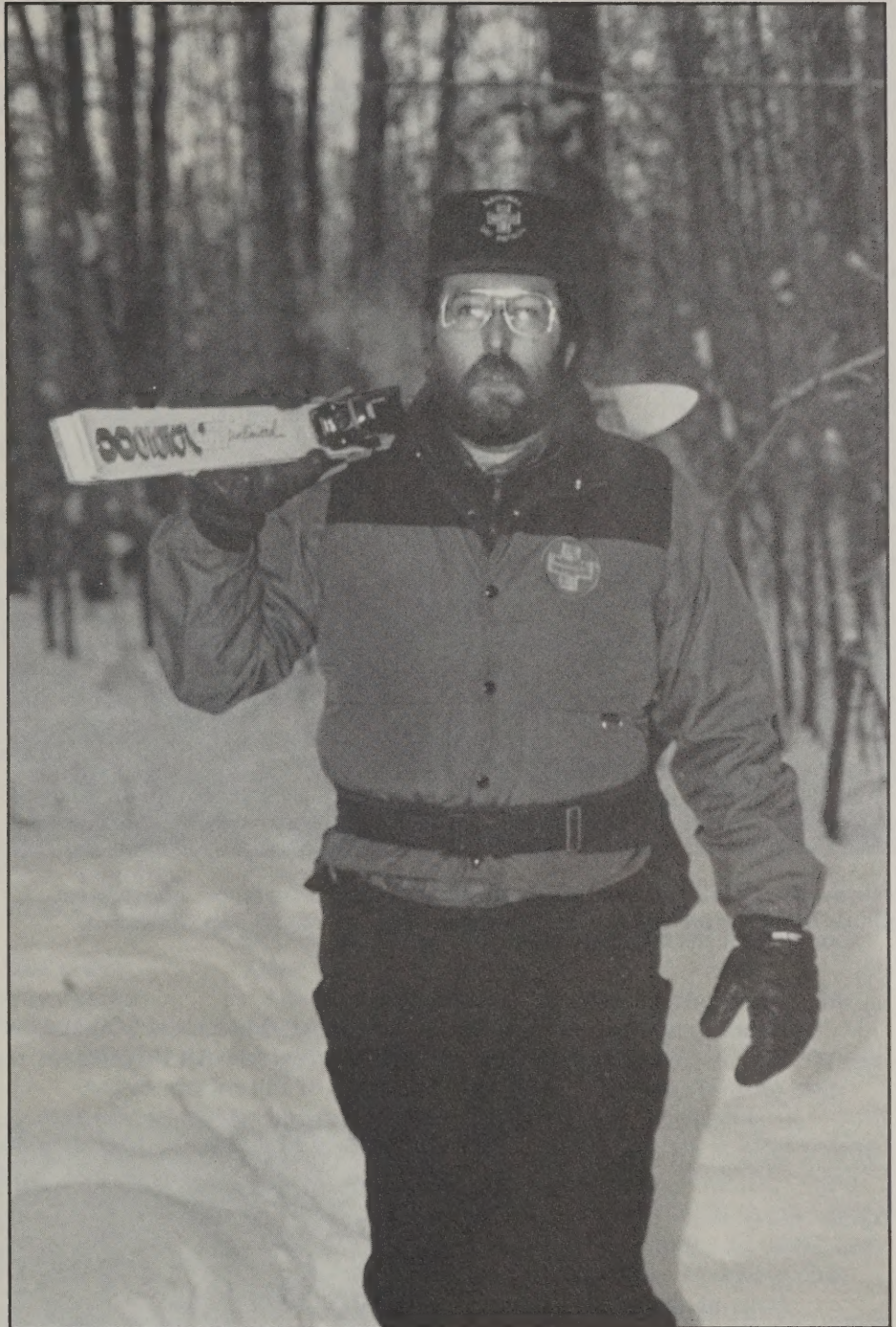
Don Keill, Arctic District mining engineer, put his winter rescue training into action in April when three skiers disappeared in near-blizzard conditions.

The three 14- to 15-year-old teenagers took their downhill skis and snowboards to the top of Pedro Dome, near the Cleary Summit ski area, just north of Fairbanks. They were to ski down the cleared powerline right-of-way to the Steese Highway, where their parents would meet them in cars. After too long a time had passed with no sign of the teens, the parents contacted the management of the Cleary Summit ski lodge for help.

Three members of the National Ski Patrol, including Keill, set up radio communications and organized the search and rescue operation. Two members of the lodge management joined with snowmachines. The Alaska State Troopers and a local search and rescue team were alerted and remained on standby. "The daylight was dwindling and the blowing snow was thick," Keill said. "We worried that the snow would fill in their tracks and make it a lot more difficult to locate them.

"Just before dark, the snowmachiners picked up ski tracks," Keill continued. "Apparently, adventure had called and the teens had turned from the powerline trail into the woods, traveling downhill in the wrong direction. The snowmachiners met the teens as they were climbing back up the hill to the powerline."

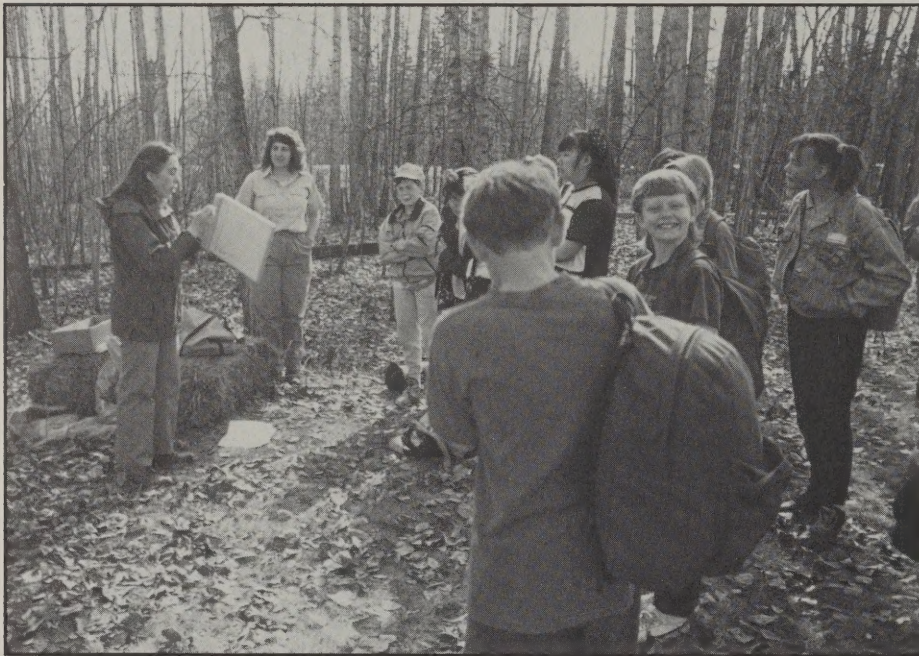
Keill and the other rescuers were applauded by local search and rescue groups and the parents for their ability to organize a quick and efficient search operation, and for their professional attitude.



Arctic District mining engineer Don Keill is a senior ski patroller with the National Ski Patrol. In addition to helping with search and rescue efforts, Keill patrols the ski slopes in the Fairbanks area several days a month helping to prevent accidents and treating the injured when accidents do occur. (Photo by Dan Gullickson)

Tomorrow's stewards

In May nearly 3,000 sixth grade students in Anchorage and Fairbanks participated in environmental education events sponsored by BLM. Educating the nation's public lands is an important role of BLM natural resource specialists and



Students at BLM's Outdoor Education Days in Fairbanks learn about forest plants and their importance to the environment. (Photo by Dan Gullickson)

The excited voices of 200 sixth graders mingled with the chirps and trills of the robins in the woods around BLM's Fairbanks Office Building and the Chena River Recreation Site across the street. Some youngsters flitted and jumped like startled deer or migrating salmon; others shuffled along like black bears collecting food. It was Outdoor Education Days in Fairbanks and the snow was finally gone.

The three-day event in May doubled in size this year to accommodate 600 students from eight schools. It started in 1991 as the brainchild of Jim Deininger, geologist with Kobuk District and former junior high

teacher.

Outdoor Education Days introduces sixth grade students to the types of career fields available in natural resources, and creates awareness and appreciation for the earth's natural resources.

Instructors for the six learning stations developed lesson plans and educational handouts for the students to take home. The stations covered fisheries, wildlife, recreation, archaeology, minerals and plants (which included grazing, forestry and fire management). The students learned about natural resources and care of the environment through games, questions and answers, and hands-on activities. Alaska Fire Service smokejumpers also described how they jump from airplanes and fight fires.

"We were very encouraged by how much the kids had learned at each day's closing session," Deininger said. "They formed teams and competed to answer questions. They were pretty excited."

Another aspect different this year was interagency cooperation. BLM staff were joined by specialists from the Alaska Public Lands Information Center and several state and federal agencies.

"We appreciated having other agencies involved because they introduced new ideas and spread the workload," Deininger said. "We would like to see this continue as a community effort."

—Sharon Durgan Wilson

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The BLM Anchorage District Office and the Anchorage School District decided to give the instructors at Outdoor Week a break this year and split the five-day environmental education event between two weeks. This year's Outdoor Week was held May 13-15 and May 18-19 on the Campbell Tract.

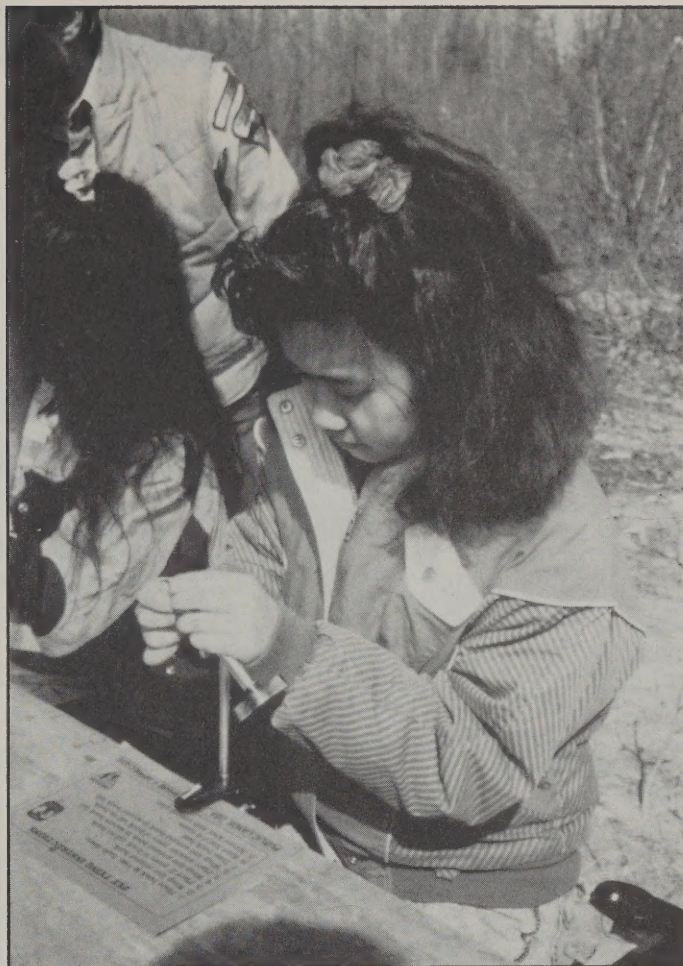
Outdoor Week coordinator Van Waggoner says of the strategy, "In many cases, we've got the same people teaching hundreds of kids each day. By the fifth day, it can get pretty exhausting."

This year some 2,800 sixth graders visited learning stations in the Campbell Tract woods and participated in activities designed to teach them how the environment plays an important role in their lives.

Eleven participating agencies and organizations provided 25 employees who taught at the gold panning, map and compass, archaeology, and fly tying stations.

The fly tying station was co-sponsored by Trout Unlimited. This station helped students learn how to tie flies in preparation for fishing trips they may be taking this summer.

Trout Unlimited's participation in this year's Outdoor Week is the result of a recently signed partnership agreement to enhance fisheries management on public lands through cooperative



A student learns how to tie her own flies at the joint BLM/Trout Unlimited fly tying station during Outdoor Week. (Photo by Connie Lewis)

efforts and educational activities such as Outdoor Week.

The station also included a presentation on the importance of BLM's role in managing fishery habitat by BLM fishery biologist Mike Scott. "When these kids are out fishing with their families this summer, hopefully they'll be careful about protecting fishery habitat," said Scott. "Maybe they'll think before tossing that empty soft drink can into the stream. Instilling that kind of awareness is what environmental education is really all about." —Danielle Allen



Anchorage District Manager Dick Vernimen (center left) and State Director Ed Spang visit with local sixth graders at Outdoor Week. (Photo by Danielle Allen)

Yankus is Featured Soloist with Anchorage Symphony

by Teresa McPherson

Most of us know Janice Yankus as the quietly capable navigable waters specialist in the Conveyance navigability section. What many of us didn't know until recently is that Yankus is also an accomplished musician who was recently featured artist with the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra.

Yankus joined the Anchorage Symphony shortly after moving to Alaska in 1987. The symphony was in the process of reauditions after the arrival of a new conductor. Yankus auditioned with the hopes of making the section. "I had heard the {Anchorage} symphony, and I thought the clarinets were pretty good," said Yankus. "So I was very pleased when I was selected principal clarinet."

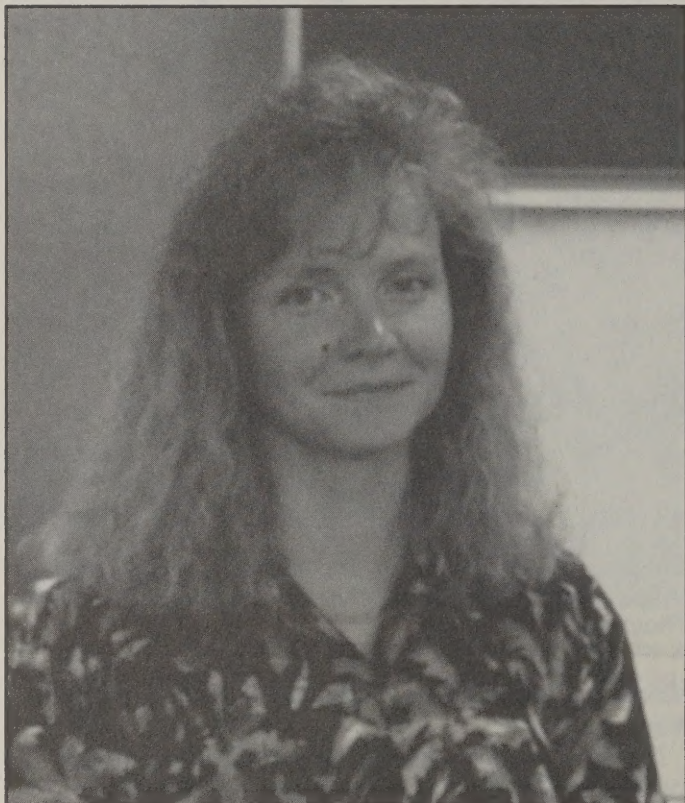
Yankus has played clarinet since the age of seven. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Florida State University. Before coming to Alaska, Yankus performed with the Tallahassee Symphony and the Greensboro Symphony orchestras.

Yankus' April 25 solo performance with the Anchorage Symphony received glowing reviews. Anchorage Daily News music reviewer Len Frazier wrote: "Yankus, perhaps the cornerstone of the {symphony's} woodwind section, led the group through a lively, free-ranging performance... From her fresh, technically superb play in the "Allegro" and "Adagio" movements to a delightful "Rondo" filled with echoes of Mozart's peculiar personality, Yankus brought a vibrancy unheard in most Anchorage Symphony concerts."

Yankus admits that reviewers aren't always so generous. "If the review is good, it's certainly a good feeling. And if it's bad, you just take it with a grain of salt."

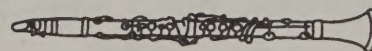
Like many BLM professionals, Yankus balances a career with family. She and her husband Glen have two young daughters, Bree, age 2, and Shea, who is 8 months.

Yankus admits her schedule gets hectic before a performance, when the orchestra must rehearse several nights a week, often until 10:00 p.m., during the two weeks prior to performances. "It helps to have a husband who is supportive," says Yankus. "Glen helps with the girls during my rehearsals and during many performances. He's really not into classical music," Yankus added with a laugh. "But I did make him go just once!"



Janice Yankus, principal clarinet with the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, was featured artist for the symphony's final performance of the season in April.

(Photo by Teresa McPherson)



Students Sample Surveyors' World

by Ella V. Wright

The teacher asked: "How much schooling does it take to be a surveyor?"

John Pex answered: "Four years of college, but more education is required now than in the past. Doug Haywood there has a master's degree."

Haywood added: "And, it requires a lot of Math, Science, English and Physics, too!"

Five minutes earlier Haywood, with the Division of Cadastral Survey, told a group of Susitna Elementary School fourth and fifth graders they were going to play a guessing game. They yelled out intermittent distances between 13 and 25 feet. Haywood said, "I bet it's 31 feet." He measured. Young Ben Hudson actually stood 36 feet away holding a prism in the direction of the total station.

"Can I put my arm down now?" asked Hudson. "Yes," said Doug. So ended the surveyors' demonstration using the total station to measure distances.

This was the first year surveyors participated in Outdoor Week. Tim Quincy, Pex and Haywood, land surveyors with field survey section II, set up their surveying equipment on the north end of the Campbell Tract airstrip. Teacher Mary Erkins and students from the Susitna Elementary Open Optional Program came to watch and learn.

"Surveys are done to establish property boundaries such as those at Campbell Tract or the lines that define who owns Native, private or state lands," Pex explained. He pointed to the white plastic "X" staked on the ground and said, "That's called a photo panel." He explained that it was a reference point an airplane would fly over to take aerial photos. The photos would be used to draw plans to build the Campbell Tract Environmental Center.

Quincy then had the students peer through the total station lens at the sun. Surveyors look at the sun to establish a basis of bearing and then read the vertical and horizontal angles to establish the four corners of a survey plot, Quincy explained. "Never look directly at the sun without a special lens or protective eyewear," he cautioned the students.



A student peers through a total survey station as land surveyor Tim Quincy explains how the equipment is used. (Photo by Ella Wright)

Erkins says she brought the students to the outdoor activities because it may "launch some of them on a surveying career. They also learn there are practical applications for math and geometry. And they learn to respect the environment."

The group later visited other Outdoor Week stations to learn how maps are made, how stream velocity is measured, and how to identify edible plants. Said Erkins, "The students had a great time eating wild cucumbers!"



Land Office Services Branch Chief Bob Conquergood receives congratulations from State Director Ed Spang on his selection as BLM's nominee for the Federal Executive Association's Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year. As FEA Chairman, Director Spang served as Master of Ceremonies at the banquet held in Anchorage May 15. (Photo by Dave Vickery)

Four northern Alaska BLMers were elected to regional officer positions for the **Yukon-Alaska Council of Toastmasters** at the Spring Cabinet Meeting in Anchorage May 1. Kobuk DM Helen Hankins was elected Governor of the council.



Nelda Garrett became Area 1 Lt. Governor and Bill Baker became Division A Lt. Governor. As the new Lt. Governor for Marketing, retired BLMer Tula Belton will develop programs for new club development, growth of current clubs, club membership promotion and retention.

On June 1 OMPB planning coordinator **Howard Levine** served on a peer review panel for the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in Washington, DC. The group met to review a system for evaluating cumulative impacts. The panel included various agency representatives, professionals from the academic community and two

representatives from the Canadian government. Levine was invited to serve on the panel by Ray Clark, senior policy analyst for the council, to offer field experience of cumulative impact assessment techniques.

ASO natural resource specialist **Russ Hanson** conducted classes for second through sixth grade students at Chugach Optional Elementary in May. Hanson discussed forestry resources and provided each student with a xerox copy of a 300-year-old white spruce tree slab. He explained how the rings indicate the tree's age and encouraged the students to speculate as to why the rings varied in size from year to year.

Public Affairs has **BLM logo lapel pins** for sale. The two styles offered sell for \$2 and \$3 each. These make great gifts for employees and non-BLMers, especially foreign visitors. For information contact Public Affairs at 271-5555.

BLM Rappers Give Cleanup Day A Real Pickup

by Danielle Allen

You'd never expect a group of BLMers to be rappin' but that's exactly what happened at the City of Anchorage's annual blue jeans luncheon last month. The luncheon honors the agencies, organizations and businesses who helped in the Municipality of Anchorage's week-long spring cleanup.

The BLM rap ensemble was one of many groups who rapped about trash. The group

wore original outfits fashioned from bright orange trash bags. Their mascot was BLM's own Ninja "Trash" Turtle Terese Bertini.

BLM was recognized at the event for joining the Alaska Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program. Employees of the BLM Campbell Tract facility have agreed to pick up litter three times a year and make any landscape improvements necessary to East 68th Avenue and Abbott Loop Road in Anchorage. The agreement is for two years and involves approximately two miles of road.

Some fifty employees of BLM's Campbell Tract have since picked up approximately 2,500 pounds

of trash around the Campbell Tract and along their adopt-a-highway route.



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Sustained Superior Performance Award

Richard Bidasolo, Land Surveyor, Division of Cadastral Survey
Larry Judd, Land Surveyor, Division of Cadastral Survey
Beverly Fronterhouse, Computer Specialist, Alaska Fire Service
Janice McDowell, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
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Jeff Wolverton, Mail Clerk, Division of Conveyance Management
Herbert Poole, Materials Handler, Division of Support Services
Paula McHale, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
Tony Kennedy, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
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Judy Kelley, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
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Susan Britt, Land Information Specialist, Division of Information Resources Management
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Paul Salvatore, Realty Special, Arctic District Office
Keith Westfall, Materials Handler, Division of Support Services
Jeffrey Nelson, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
Evangeline Grafton, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
John Montgomery, Supervisory Management Assistant, Division of Support Services

Special Act Service Award

Carl Persson, Geologist, Anchorage District Office
Claggett Wheeler, Hydrologist, Anchorage District Office
Bruce Giffen, Geologist, Anchorage District Office
Jacob Schlapfer, Natural Resource Specialist, Anchorage District Office
Lynette Nakazawa, Supervisory General Biologist, Division of Cadastral Survey
George Harper, Computer Program Analyst, Division of Information Resources Management
Michael Johnson, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
Shari Aikens, Chief, Branch of Applications, Division of Information Resources Management
Joan Tofson, Mail Clerk, Division of Support Services
Harvey Trees, Mail & File Clerk, Division of Support Services

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Georgia Taylor, Staff Assistant, Division of Information Resources Management
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Barry Gulm, Cartographic Technician, Division of Support Services
Susan Britt, Land Information Specialist, Division of Information Resources Management
David Lavimodiere, Computer Program Analyst, Division of Cadastral Survey
Ramon S-Garcia, Legal Clerk, Division of Support Services
Michael Birtles, Land Surveyor, Division of Cadastral Survey
Michael Beale, Land Surveyor, Division of Cadastral Survey
Steve Grimes, Cartographic Technician, Division of Support Services

Length of Service

10-Year Service Award
Clemencia Florez, Land Law Assistant, Division of Conveyance Management
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Eleanor DeRoque, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
Allen Deltz, Computer Specialist, Division of Information Resources Management
Kathleen Jackson, File Clerk, Division of Cadastral Survey
Peggy Lucas, Purchasing Agent, Division of Support Services
Teresa Pfeffer, Budget Assistant, Kobuk District Office

20-Year Service Award

Earl Boone, Geologist, Division of Mineral Resources
Sue Faught, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
Bruce Ockrassa, Cartographic Technician, Division of Cadastral Survey

30-Year Service Award

Darryl Fish, Computer Specialist, Division of Information Resources Management

Retirements

James Pritchard, Land Surveyor, Division of Cadastral Survey
Marjorie Page, Employee Development Assistant, Division of Support Services
Thomas C. "Shep" Johnson, Fuel Distribution System Worker, Alaska Fire Service

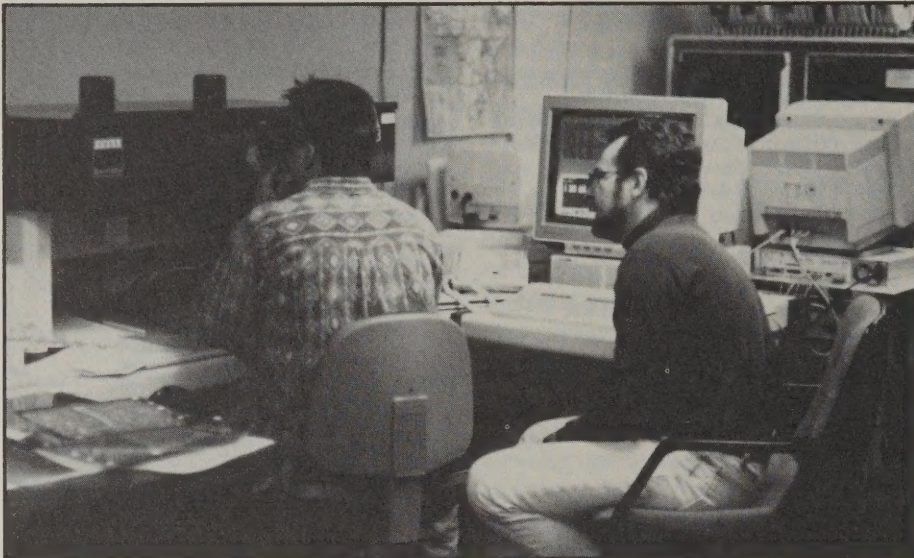
Welcome Aboard (May 1992)

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Richard C. Fort, Forestry Technician (Smokejumper), Alaska Fire Service
Nichelle W. Jones, Surface Protection Specialist, Division of Mineral Resources
John A. Miller, Civil Engineering Technician, Division of Support Services
Greg A. Smith, Cartographic Technician, Division of Support Services
Gene M. Stone, Forestry Technician (Smokejumper), Alaska Fire Service
Kathy Stubbs, Land Law Examiner, Division of Conveyance Management
Linda Ricketts, Computer Specialist, Division of Information Resources Management
Glencora Lannen, EEO Manager, Office of State Director

Moving On (May 1992)

Aaron T. Maltba, Procurement Assistant (Typing), Division of Support Services
Steven M. McGee, Forestry Technician, Alaska Fire Service
Robert H. Lee, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Alaska Fire Service
Rosemarie Cunningham, Computer Specialist, Division of Information Resources Management

Student Shadow Program Celebrates Second Year



Kekoa Peterson, 15, of Service High School in Anchorage gets a hands-on demonstration of the Zeiss Planicomb "P3" plotter from cartographic technician Tony Reynolds. (Photo by Teresa McPherson)

In May four Anchorage area high school students participated in BLM's Student Shadow Program in observance of Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month. The program, now in its second year, gives local students of Asian or Pacific heritage an opportunity to "shadow" BLM employees for a day. Lei Agron of West High, Kekoa Peterson of Service High, and Kalau Smith and Guy Cordelro, Jr., of Dimond High participated in this year's program. The students learned about job opportunities within the BLM and the educational requirements they need to prepare for these jobs.

Lynette Nakazawa of ASO Mapping Sciences is coordinator for BLM's Asian/Pacific American special emphasis program. Nakazawa worked with the Asian Cultural Center and the Anchorage School District to recruit students and BLM sponsors for the program.

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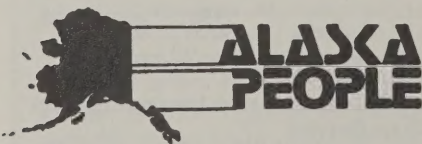
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Sixth graders learn proper retrieval techniques as they trowel through a mock archaeological site under the supervision of Larry Field, natural resource specialist from the Kobuk District. Some 600 students from Fairbanks schools participated in BLM's second Outdoor Education Days in May. See story on page 6.

(Photo by Dan Gullickson.)



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